

WE ARE A EUCHARIST CENTERED PEOPLE WHO, AS THE BODY OF CHRIST, LIVE OUR FAITH IN WORD AND DEED BY SHARING OUR TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE TO SUPPORT ONE ANOTHER AND SERVE THOSE IN NEED.

June 28, 2026

<u>Mass intentions during June 29th - July 5th</u>			13th Sunday in Ordinary Time Matthew 10:37-42
Mon.	8:00	Mike Marovich (L), Imelda Cortez and Family (L) Filadelfo Zarate and Family (L), Sylvia Chicoine	<p>I still remember the first homily I ever preached as a new deacon. It was at the seminary, and the Gospel was this one: “Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me.” (Matthew 10:37-38) Standing before more than 200 classmates and professors, I stumbled awkwardly through my words and realized how strange — almost insane — this teaching sounded. If anyone else said it, we would call it narcissistic or cultish.</p> <p>And that is the point. I felt the weight of those words in my own heart then, as I still do today. Am I willing to live as though Christ’s claim on my love is absolute? Are you?</p> <p>Over the years, I’ve learned that the more I do, the more everything else makes sense. Family, friendships, vocation, even my very self: all of it falls into place when my love for Jesus comes first.</p> <p>That is why he dares to speak this way. Our Lord is not a cult leader hungry for control. He is the Son of God, the source of life and love itself. To put him before everything else is not to lose, but to find...everything, and everyone, in him.</p> <p>This week, name one thing or one person you are tempted to place before the Lord. Then consciously offer it back to him in prayer.</p> <p align="right">— Father John Muir ©LPi</p>
Tues.	8:00	Rosario Ponce and Family (L) Brian and Michelle Cotter (L), Sylvia Chicoine	
Wed.	8:00	The Lopez Family (L)	
Thurs.	8:00	The Ecclesiastical Hierarchy (L) Shirley Joyce, Wilfred and Helen Fatooh	
Fri.	8:00	The Alcaraz Family (L), Jodi Fitzgerald (L) Ricardo Vasquez, Joe Fitzgerald, Holy Souls	
Sat.	8:00	In Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary Laureena Salud	
	5:00	Mark Kostielney, Jane Marovich	
	7:00	Max Alcaraz (L), Rafael Martin, Eduardo Vargas Maria Guadalupe Garcia, Silvestre Martin	
Sun.	7:30	The Manni Family, Augie Rivas Adair Plascencia Arango	
	9:00	Melissa Cabanas (L) Edward Anacleto, Jim Ceresa	
	10:30	Pro Populo	
	12:00	Dulce Salgado (L), Juan Avalos and Family (L) Rosalina Solis Padilla, Guadalupe Vargas	

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

We rarely realize how dependent on basic utilities we are until service is interrupted – whether it’s electricity, water, gas or telephone. I always preferred a gas stove, if only because during power outages, you can still make coffee. The group of utilities we can’t do without has now expanded to include cable TV and internet service. In former times, the hard-wired residential telephone was the most reliable of utilities. Even when the power went off, the phone almost never did. Now, if electricity or the internet is down, business comes to a halt.

Now that more and more people have home medical devices on which their lives depend (oxygen concentrators, CPAP machines, hospital beds, artificial heart machines that can run on battery power only so long, etc.), it can be a challenge. In fire season, planned outages and emergency evacuations require electric companies to designate centers for people to plug in their devices, much as in other parts of the country, community hurricane and tornado shelters are set up.

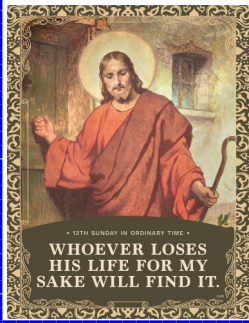
All this is a lead-in to the fact that there has been a utility failure here at SV. We are replacing broken concrete around the rectory (including the front porch) for obvious safety reasons. The workers pulled up the old concrete between the garage and the church and found an underground broken pipe that has been leaking for a long time. Roots from a nearby tree were actually growing inside the pipes, but it was deep enough that we never noticed it. I expect it all to be completed by this weekend. In the meantime, we have no water, and no toilets. I got the brilliant idea that I could fill the toilet tanks with a bucket of water, until I realized there was no place to fill the bucket.

The front steps of the rectory will be replaced as well, as they have been chipped and cracked due to age and wayward skateboarders. The re-poured concrete will be colored to match the house and specially treated with a slip-resistant sealant. There may be a very few days on which we will need to enter the rectory from the seldom-used side door. (That door led directly into what were originally the private living quarters which only the priests and the housekeeper entered. In those days, very few people saw – much less entered – anywhere beyond the first interior door of the entryway.) This is the first step of a multi-phase project to repair or replace all damaged concrete on the premises at the rate at which we can afford it.

On the subject of sidewalks, you can still see the curb cut on Western Ave. between the rectory and the hall, which led into Fr. Kiely’s garage (now torn down). He was well into adulthood before cars were even invented, and never quite mastered the fine points of motoring safety. I understand that he took his half of the road out of the middle, and he was notorious for throwing his car into reverse out of his garage. If you were in his way, that was your problem. I believe the only time he entered a Protestant church was when he drove his car into the Christian Science Church on the corner of 6th and B Streets.

**Blessings,
Fr. Bill Donahue**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 29TH - JULY 5TH



Monday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/
Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19 Day:
Acts 12:1-11/ Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/2
Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19
Tuesday: Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/Ps 5:4b-6a, 6b-7, 8/
Mt 8:23-27
Wednesday: Am 5:14-15, 21-24/Ps 50:7, 8-9, 10-11,
12-13, 16bc-17/Mt 8:28-34
Thursday: Am 7:10-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 9:1-8
Friday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 20:24-29
Saturday: Am 9:11-15/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12,
13-14/Mt 9:14-17
Sunday: Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14/
Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30

ST. VINCENT'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2026-2027

Registrations for the English Religious Education Program have begun. You can pick up a registration form in the bell room at the church entrance or the Rectory's front porch. We will schedule an in-person registration, the date is still to be determined. Kindly return the completed form and fee in a sealed envelope to the rectory office, attention Carmen Aanenson, Director of Religious Education.

English First Communion Preparation classes will begin Tuesday, September 8th and Wednesday, September 9th.

The PreK and K Program begins Sunday, September 27th.

ADULT CONFIRMATION: Are you an adult and missed the sacrament of confirmation? Are you ready to deepen your baptismal life, which calls you to be a missionary witness of Jesus Christ? Class begins in September. For a registration form, please contact Carmen Aanenson, 707-762-4278 x114, dreaanenson@gmail.com.

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults): Are you interested in being a Catholic? Have you ever thought about it? Are you being called to a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church? Now is the time to come and see what's next. Class begins in September. For a registration form, please call Carmen Aanenson, 707-762-4278 x114, dreaanenson@gmail.com.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

2026-2027: Registrations for the English and Spanish Confirmation programs will begin the following Saturdays, in the parish hall from 9 - 11:50 am, August 15th, 22nd, 29th and Sept. 5th. If you're registering your child for 2nd Year Confirmation, **YOU MUST BRING A COPY OF THEIR BAPTISM CERTIFICATE**, even if they were baptized at St. Vincent's Church. For more information, please call the parish office at 707-762-4278.

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED Friday, July 3rd in observance for Independence Day, Fourth of July.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT is held after weekday mass on Thursday for one hour and every first Thursday of the month from 6 - 7 pm.



CONFESSIONS are held in the church on Thursdays at 6 pm and Saturdays at 3:30 pm; please enter through the confessional (left) side.

PLEASE PRAY FOR - Elaine Stevick, Ana Ruiz, Jovanny Cisneros, Consuelo Alvarez, Ana Solar, Colin Lagos, and Michelle Paskal.

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Last Sunday's offering:

Sunday Basket	\$11,801
On-Line Giving	<u>1,812</u>
Total	\$13,613

Thank you for your generosity.

There will be a second collection this weekend for the Maintenance Fund.

ONLINE GIVING AT ST. VINCENT'S - To sign up for online giving, go to <https://www.svdppetaluma.org> and look for the red "Donate" button on the upper right of the front page. You can also use this QR code to take you directly to the website. For more information, please contact the parish office at 707-762-4278.



ST. VINCENT'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

At our Catholic elementary school, we are committed to forming students who grow in Faith, Academics, and Service, the three pillars that guide everything we do.



Through daily prayer, participation in the sacraments, and opportunities to deepen their relationship with Christ, our students are nurtured in a vibrant faith-filled environment. In the classroom, they are challenged to achieve academic excellence while developing critical thinking, creativity, and a lifelong love of learning. Beyond our campus, our students embrace the call to serve others through acts of kindness, outreach projects, and service opportunities that reflect the Gospel values we cherish.

We invite you to support our mission of educating the whole child—mind, body, and spirit—and helping our students become compassionate leaders and faithful disciples of Christ.

If you would like to learn more about our school, schedule a visit, or inquire about enrollment, please contact the school office 762-6426 or email our Admission Director, Mrs. Rynning at rynnings@svelem.org. We are grateful for the continued prayers and support of our parish community.

Together, we are building a strong foundation of Faith, Academic Excellence, and Service for the next generation.

THE COMMUNAL FIRST SATURDAYS: A devotion to

Our Lady of Fatima is held every first Saturday of the month. We begin at 7:15am, with prayers and the rosary, then Holy Mass, followed by 15 min Scripture Meditation on Saturday, July 4th. For any questions, please contact Lilian Dubow at (510) 205-3712 or at Lilian.Dubow@gmail.com or go to www.CommunalFirstSaturdays.org.



BIRTHRIGHT OF PETALUMA – Do you or someone you know need free diapers, bottles, baby clothes, maternity clothes, children's toys and more? Visit BIRTHRIGHT center in Petaluma, 370 Sonoma Mountain Pkwy. Open Monday from 1:30 - 3:30 pm, Wednesday and Friday from 10 am - 12 pm. For more information, please call 707-763-9888.

